

## **Conditions for Cutting Christmas Trees**

1. Properly identify land ownership, including power line right of ways. Make sure you are within the Tanana Valley State Forest.
2. No cutting in the Bonanza Creek Experimental Forest, Zasada Road or Rosie Creek Road.
3. No cutting trees in tree plantations.
4. Trees are to be used for personal use and are not to be sold.
5. One tree per household.
6. Maximum tree height is 15 feet.
7. The Division of Forestry does not provide for road maintenance or snow removal on forest roads. We strongly recommend that when traveling on these forest roads you have tire chains, a shovel, tow strap and extra warm clothing.
8. There is NO CHARGE. Have a Merry Christmas.



## **Forest Road Safety**

Logging trucks are common; please be alert and give them the right-of-way.



### **Driving Safety Tips**

1. **Check with Forestry first.**
2. **Buckle – up**
3. **Yield to oncoming industrial traffic.**
4. **Stay alert.**
5. **Obey all road signs.**
6. **Drive at a safe speed.**
7. **Drive with your lights on.**
8. **Do not block the road.**
9. **Use your C.B. radio but do not assume that you hear all traffic.**
10. **Watch out for road damage.**
11. **Report vandalism.**
12. **Be prepared.**

## **Christmas Tree Care**

Interior Alaska's black and white spruce make excellent Christmas trees, but they need proper care to remain fresh, attractive, and safe throughout the holiday season.

### **Cutting**

As temperatures are normally below zero in December, extra care should be taken when cutting down your tree.

To prevent brittle branches from being broken do not allow the tree to fall and hit the ground. Do not drag the tree over snow and through brush.

### **Home Care**

The School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management compared the solutions. Plain water exhibited the best needle retention for black and white spruce. Researchers also found that needle retention for spruce was enhanced by a moist environment. To prevent fires, the tree should be located away from heat sources.

Before putting the tree in its stand, cut an inch or two off the butt end. This fresh cut allows the tree to take up water. Check the water at least once a day and make sure the base is always covered.

### **Tanana Valley State Forest Tree Plantations**

In your travels throughout the State Forest, you will see many harvest units that have been planted with spruce trees for the next generation. No removal or cutting of these trees. **No Cutting trees in the Plantations.**

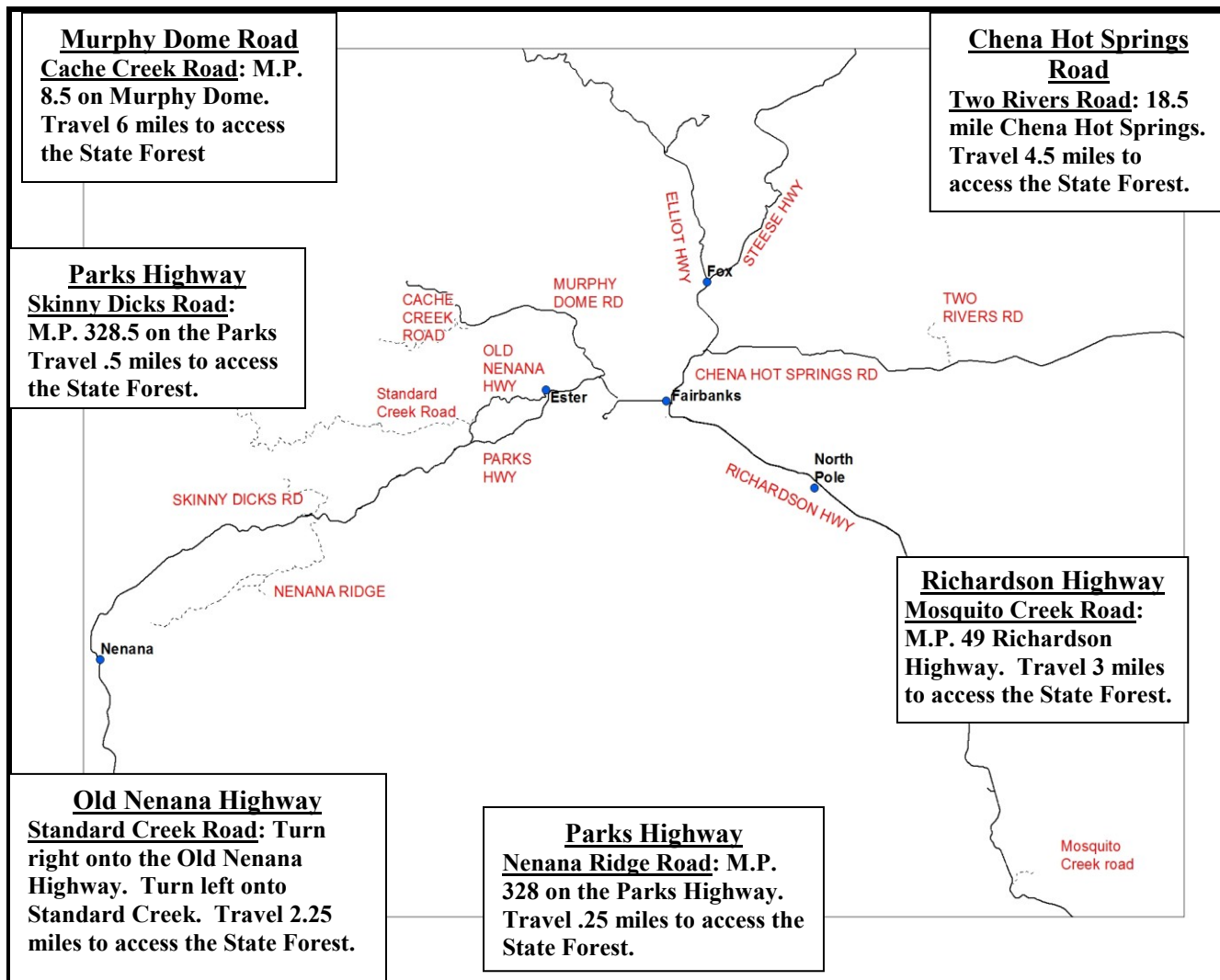


## Tanana Valley State Forest Road System

Logging roads cross private property, lands owned by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and in other ownerships.

Only cut trees on State Forest lands.

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**No Christmas Tree cutting along Bonanza Creek Road, Zasada Road, and Rosie Creek Road or in tree plantations.** These logging roads are not open for Christmas tree cutting due to complex land ownership and road conditions.

## **THE TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST**

Fairbanks Area

Free  
Christmas Trees

Conditions for Cutting



*Merry Christmas  
from*

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